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Amendment to the Specification:

At page 1, replace the third and fourth paragraphs, lines 17-24, as follows:

"A Method for Barrier Synchronization Method Wherein Members Dynamic Voting Controls The Number Of Synchronization Phases Of Protocols And Progression To Each New Phase In A Distributed Computing Environment," by P.R. Badovinat et al., Serial No. 08/640,218, now U.S. Patent No. 5,768,538, issued June 16, 1998 (Docket No. PO9-96-040);

"A Communications Method Involving Groups Of Processors Of A Distributed Computing Environment," by P.R. Badovinat et al., Serial No. 08/641,386, now U.S. Patent No. 5,790,772, issued August 4, 1998 (Docket No. PO9-96-044);

"Method For Group Leader Recovery In A Distributed Computing Environment," by P.R. Badovinat et al., Serial No. 08/640,219, now U.S. Patent No. 5,704,032, issued December 30, 1997 (Docket No. PO9-96-045);

"A Method For Managing Membership Of A Group Of Processors In A Distributed Computing Environment," by P.R. Badovinat et al., Serial No. 08/640,412, now U.S. Patent No. 5,787,249, issued July 28, 1998 (Docket No. PO9-96-043);

"Utilizing Batch Requests To Present Membership Changes To Process Groups," by P.R. Badovinat et al., Serial No. 08/641,445, now U.S. Patent No. 6,104,871, issued August 15, 2000 (Docket No. PO9-96-041);

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